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1. (C) Operations: Significant Activities.

a. Mission: Headquarters, 16th Military Police Group, provides command, staff planning, and control of three Military Police Battalions and two separate Military Police Companies (Sentry Dog) within I and II Corps Tactical Zones in the Republic of Vietnam.

b. Organization: See Inclosure 1.

c. Personnel, Morale and Discipline:

(1) Decorations:

(a) Soldiers Medal	1
(b) Legion of Merit	2
(c) Bronze Star (Valor)	18
(d) Bronze Star (Service)	58
(e) Air Medal	6
(f) Army Commendation Medal (Valor)	44
(g) Army Commendation Medal (Service)	97
(h) Purple Heart	8
(i) Good Conduct Medal	27
(j) Brigade Certificate of Achievement	321

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(2) Key Personnel Assignments and Departures:

(a) Assignments:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
BEE, Arlen	MAJ	S4	November
RICCIARDULLI, Robert	CPT	S2	November
BAZ, Sharkey A.	CPT(P)	Ass't S3	January
HARMEILING, John	1LT	Commo Officer	January

(b) Departures:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
BERRONG, Larry B.	CPT	S2	November
KING, Clarence	MSG	S4 NCO	November
MCDOWELL, Rowland F.	LTC	XO	December
ZINDEL, Charles	CPT	Commo Officer	January
HAYWARD, Daren R.	SFC	Traffic Control NCO	January

(3) Casualties:

(a) Battle Losses

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>1</u> Killed	0	0	0	0
<u>2</u> Wounded	1	0	8	9

(b) Non-Battle Losses

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>1</u> Killed	0	0	0	0
<u>2</u> Injured	0	0	13	13

(4) Reenlistments:

	<u>Eligible</u>	<u>Reenlistments</u>
(a) 1st Term RA	46	16
(b) RA Career	20	20
(c) AUS	176	0
(d) Other	0	0
(e) Total	242	36

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(5) Civilian Personnel:

	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Employed</u>
(a) Program Six Civilianization	33	32
(b) Augmentation TDA P5-WFPEAA-99 1 January 1969	115	113
(c) Total	148	145

(6) R&R

<u>Month</u>	<u>% Utilized</u>
November	97.5%
December	96.5%
January	97.75%

(7) Strengths:

(a) As of 1 November 1969

<u>AUTH</u>				<u>ASG</u>			
<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
86	5	1955	1927	77	5	1766	1858

(b) As of 31 January 1970

<u>AUTH</u>				<u>ASG</u>			
<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
91	5	2083	1927	81	5	1706	1792

(8) Extensions of Overseas Tour:

(a) Total Extensions	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
November	0	41	41
December	0	30	30
January	0	74	74

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(b) Under PL 89-735 (6 mo)	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
November	0	16	16
December	0	15	15
January	0	23	23

(9) Discipline, Law and Order:

(a) General Courts - 1

(b) Special Courts - 9

(c) Summary Courts - 0

(d) Article 15, UCMJ - 153

(10) Congressional Inquiries: 13

(11) Publications:

(a) 16th MP Gp Regulation 190-91, Police Information Program, 11 November 1969.

(b) 16th MP Gp Regulation 190-47, Serious Incident Reports, 18 November 1969.

(c) 16th MP Gp Regulation 190-33, Physical Security Inspections, 28 November 1969.

(d) LOI 15-69, 504th Military Police Battalion, 5 December 1969.

(e) 16th MP Gp Regulation 380-5, Safeguarding Defense Information, 8 December 1969.

(f) LOI 1-70, Sentry Dog Operations, 3 January 1970.

(g) 16th MP Gp Regulation 735-28, Accounting for Class V Items, 12 January 1970.

(h) 16th MP Gp Regulation 523-1, Officer Efficiency Reports, 15 January 1970.

(i) OPLAN 65-70 (U), Security of Selected Personnel and Equipment (U), 30 January 1970.

(j) OPLAN 2-70 (U), Continuity of Operations (U), 30 January 1970.

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d. Operations:

(1) 16th Military Police Group provided direct combat support to tactical units at four locations during the period. These included a platoon to the Americal Division at Chu Lai; a platoon to Task Force South at Phan Thiet; and approximately two squads to the 173d Airborne Brigade at LZ English and LZ Uplift. The opening of a small detachment at LZ English represented the only change in direct support since the last reporting period.

(2) Convoy escorts increased slightly during the period, despite a reduction in this type of activity in I Corps Tactical Zone. The principal increase occurred in the southern portion of II Corps where the build up around Ban Me Thuot to counter enemy threats in the Bu Prang area increased the number of convoys operating on Highway QL 21 from one a week to more than one a day. At the end of the reporting period, 16th MP Group was preparing to assume new highway commitments on Highway QL 14.

(3) Security of critical installations continued to employ more personnel from this command than any other single function. Only one significant change occurred - the activation on 2 January 1970 of a new unit: the 595th MP Company (SD). Headquartered in Da Nang, this unit, when fully deployed, will provide sentry dog support to I Corps Tactical Zone. In addition, new sentry dog commitments are scheduled for commencement at Qui Nhon and Nha Trang.

(4) A new military police station opened at Phan Rang, and 16th MP Group elements prepared to assume the mission of providing military police support in Da Nang. Preparatory to the latter step, scheduled now for an unspecified time in the spring, two squads of military police were deployed to Da Nang. The active traffic enforcement program continued. Especially worthy of note was the active participation of Vietnamese police agencies, both National and Military Police when sufficient guidance, encouragement and technical assistance was provided by US Military Police.

e. Training: During the reporting period, 16th Military Police Group elements initiated a vigorous counterpart training assistance program with the 2d and 11th QC Battalion. More than 100 Vietnamese military policemen received training in a broad range of military police subjects from instructors provided by 16th MP Group.

f. Intelligence:

(1) Intelligence summaries continued to be received from USARV, XXIV Corps, IFFV, 5th Special Forces Group and 18th Military Police Brigade.

(2) No administrative or security violations occurred during the reporting period.

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- (3) 225 Intelligence Spot Reports were processed.
- (4) 109 Security Actions were processed.
- (5) Intelligence is collected from the following sources:
 - (a) Intelligence Spot Reports from subordinate units.
 - (b) Intelligence summaries from higher headquarters.
 - (c) Local units.
 - (d) Vietnamese police agencies.

g. Force Development:

(1) Activation of 595th MP Company (SD) occurred on 2 January 1970. When fully deployed, the unit will support sentry dog operations in I Corps Tactical Zone.

(2) In February, the flag of the 560th MP Company will be assigned to the 93d MP Battalion, to replace the flag of B Company, 504th MP Battalion, which in turn will redeploy to Da Nang. Finally, the 146th MP Platoon will be reassigned to 89th MP Group.

h. Communications: The only significant development during the period was the receipt of 65 commercial Motorola radios (Handie-Talkie FM Radio) to be used by sentry dog handlers to replace the AN/PRC 88 radio. Thus far, the new equipment has been highly effective, although less than 60 days experience has been accumulated.

i. Logistics:

(1) One additional XM 706 Armored Car was retrograded during the period, bringing the total assigned to 25, of 28 authorized. Five additional XM 706's are on hand receipt from 89th MP Group.

(2) During the period, additional M-16 rifles were received, bringing the total to 89% of authorized. M-14 rifles are still in use in some units.

j. Other: None.

2. (U) Lessons Learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations:

a. Personnel: None.

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b. Intelligence. None.

c. Operations.

(1) Commander/Provost Marshal Concept:

(a) OBSERVATION: Operation of the Commander/Area Provost Marshal concept is sometimes complicated by a lack of appreciation and understanding of it by senior commanders, and staff officers.

(b) EVALUATION: The Commander/Provost Marshal concept has been extensively tested in the 16th Military Police Group. Each battalion commander is, in fact, the operating Provost Marshal for his area of responsibility, while the Group Commander is the Provost Marshal, I and II Corps Tactical Zones. The result has been consolidation of operations and a highly effective employment of available resources. The operation has sometimes been complicated by a failure of supported commanders, and their staffs (to include, on occasion, staff Provost Marshals) to understand the techniques and its benefits. This has sometimes been caused by insufficient or inaccurate information, and sometimes by a resistance to change old and established ways. In any event, the result has been occasional unnecessary friction and disagreement.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 Incorporation of the Commander/Provost Marshal concept into current US Army doctrine.

2 Appropriate, high-level (War College, CG&S) instruction.

3 Detailed coverage in appropriate military police publications (PMG Bulletions, for example).

(2) Participation by GVN Police Agencies in Traffic Safety and Enforcement Program.

(a) OBSERVATION: GVN police agencies, both national and military police, will actively participate with US military police, in combined traffic safety and enforcement programs.

(b) EVALUATION: One of the principal causes of traffic fatalities among both US and Vietnamese personnel is the higher rate of speed at which many Vietnamese operate their motor vehicles. Largely caused by inexperience on the part of the driver, a contributing factor has frequently been the reluctance of Vietnamese police agencies to take a strong role in enforcing traffic regulations. In the last months of 1969, this command instituted a vigorous traffic enforcement program aimed at reducing speeding violations among US

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vehicle operators. GVN authorities were invited to participate, to include sharing the use of mirror boxes and radar. When active encouragement and technical assistance was provided, both ARVN military police and GVN National Police participated enthusiastically, in several cases issuing more speeding citations to Vietnamese operators than the US Military Police issued to US drivers for the same period.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That US Military Police throughout the Republic of Vietnam actively seek to engage counterpart Vietnamese police agencies in aggressive combined traffic safety and enforcement operations.

- d. Organization. None.
- e. Training. None.
- f. Logistics. None.
- g. Communications. None.
- h. Materiel. None.
- i. Other. None.



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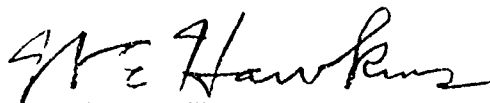
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1. (U) Basic correspondence has been reviewed and considered adequate as modified below.
2. (U) Reference item concerning commander/provost marshal concept, paragraph 2c(1), page 7: Concur. This has proven to be very effective in Vietnam and should be disseminated through the military educational system. An explanation of the concept of MP support which has been employed with positive results in RVN would be especially valuable to officers attending C&GSC and branch officer advanced courses.
3. (U) Reference item concerning participation of GVN police agencies in traffic safety enforcement, paragraph 2c(2), page 7: Concur. Combined police traffic enforcement operations have been very effective in this command.



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Headquarters, United States Army, Vietnam, APO San Francisco 96375

31 MAR 1970

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DI,
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1970 from Headquarters, 16th Military Police Group and concurs with the comments of indorsing headquarters.


2. Comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning "Commander/Provost Marshal Concept", page 7, paragraph 2c(1); 1st Indorsement, paragraph 2: concur. This concept has proven to be an extremely effective way to manage total military police resources and should be incorporated into Army doctrine and taught in the Army school system. Action by DA is recommended.

b. Reference item concerning "Participation of GVN Police Agencies in Traffic Safety Enforcement", page 7, paragraph 2c(2) and 1st Indorsement, paragraph 3: concur. This headquarters has made combined police operations a matter of priority and encouraged all subordinate commands to actively participate. No action by DA or USARPAC is recommended.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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16th MP Gp


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HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 10 APR 1970

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
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This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:


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